

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRISTOL COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

YOUTH CENTER, WARREN TOWN HALL, WARREN, RI

Pursuant to proper notice, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol County Water Authority was called to order by Chairman Saviano at 6:10 pm, in the Youth Center, Warren Town Hall, Warren, Rhode Island. Executive Director Pasquale DeLise, and the following Directors were in attendance at the commencement of the meeting:

Bert Anger, John Jannitto, Allan Klepper, William Lavey, Jr., Ian Morrison, Joseph Rego, John Saviano, Frank Sylvia

HOUSEKEEPING

Minutes of the following meetings were reviewed.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 9, 2005, be and hereby are approved.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the minutes of the regular meeting of February 9, 2005, be and hereby are approved, as corrected.

Motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT/FINANCE

Old Business, Director Anger reported:

1. Status of Water Resources Board Grant Requests, Executive Director made presentation before RIWRB on 3/8/05. Request for the amount of \$61,400 submitted to RIWRB on 1/25/05. Executive Director DeLise stated that RIWRB approved the request for \$61,400 on 3/8/05.

2. Watershed Protection Program, Information was sent to legal counsel.

3. Senior Citizen Discount, Director Klepper requested staff to provide different scenarios to phasing out the program. Director Morrison requested staff to obtain information as far as what discounts other water companies provide to seniors. Director Anger would like to know the number of seniors that have recently applied for the senior discount. Director Jannitto presented a letter (attached) from Senator Felag and Representative Malik to the Warren Town Council stating that they do not want any reduction in the

Senior Citizen Discounts.

Executive Director DeLise stated that the Senior Citizen Discount is a delicate issue, however, the primary responsibility of the BCWA is to provide drinking water and the approved Capital Budgets are not sufficient for the up-keep of the distribution system and storage tanks.

Chairman Saviano stated that the Board did not want to approve any rate increases in double digits. Director Morrison recommended continuing discussion at the April sub committee meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/PERSONNEL

New Business, Director Sylvia reported:

- 1. BCWA Organization Expansion, Committee recommends that this be investigated. It is understood that legal services are needed.**

ENGINEERING

Old Business, Director Morrison reported:

- 1. WTP Project Update, Executive Director DeLise stated that Department of Health will be at the plant on March 10, 2005. Production Superintendent Domenic Soignoli stated that operators were testing the equipment and monitoring water treatment. Executive Director DeLise stated that testing will continue for another month to six weeks.**

2. Child Street School Rehabilitation, A. Oil Tank Removal, Committee recommends to award low bidder, Marshal Env. at a price of \$1,850. The following motion was duly made and seconded, and was unanimously

VOTED: To award low bidder, Marshall Env., at a price of \$1,850, as presented.

B. Existing burner removal, no bids received. BCWA Engineering Technician, Ms. Susan Andrade stated she had received an offer of \$200 from Mr. Jesse Tavares for the burner. Consensus was that we accept the offer.

3. Shad Pipeline, Executive Director DeLise reported - The RFP for the Engineering and Design of the Shad Pipeline has been completed and sent to Mr. Tom Walker of RIWRB for comments. The RFP states that the new pipeline shall be designed following the general route as in Alternative 3 of the 1993 Beta Report on the east side of the Palmer River and installed mostly in streets. Executive Director stated that in the event that permits are not obtained, then the design will have to be redone. However, it's in our best interest to attempt to install the new pipeline in streets.

New Business

1. Stock E Annual Materials Purchasing, Committee recommends to award low bidders. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

unanimously

VOTED: To award low bidders, Public Works Supply and Stiles Co., as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was self-explanatory.

NEXT STEPS

- 1. Public Relations/Personnel Committee Meeting, Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 2. Engineering Committee Meeting, Wednesday, April 6, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 3. Audit Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2005, 5:15 p.m., Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**
- 4. Annual Meeting (Continued), Board of Directors Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 2005, 6:00 pm, Senior Center, Warren Town Hall.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

William J. Lavey, Jr.

BCWA Secretary